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BANGHAL	<i>Kaiser-i-Hind</i>	O. L. DANIEL	About 14th May.
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1897.

The T. T. rate of exchange to-day is 1/11 1/2. Corresponding rate for last year on same date was 2/2 1/2.

We hear that the concert given by Signor Cattaneo's pupils is likely to be repeated next week—possibly on Monday.

The manager of the shop in Jervis Street charged with arson was again brought before Mr. Workhouse at the Magistrate's, to-day, and after some further evidence was obtained the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

We learn that on the 24th day of the 3rd Moon (26th April), a proclamation was issued by the Japanese authorities at Tai-wan-fu informing the Chinese that if they did not wish to be naturalised as Japanese subjects they must move from inside the city to outside 'The Great Western Gate' or outside 'The Small Eastern Gate' or that they may live inside the city at 'The Great Eastern Gate' or at Anping.

To-morrow the final test of the lawn-tennis Championship will be played on the Cricket Ground, the competitors being Mr. Gibson and Lieut. Farie, R.N. By the kindness of Col. Gordon and the officers of the West Yorkshire Regt., their band will play upon the ground during the afternoon. His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to present the Cup to the winner at the termination of the game. Play commences at 4.15.

During the year 1896, 5,582 prisoners (of whom 538 were old offenders) were admitted into Victoria Gaol. The daily average number of prisoners was 514 as compared with 472 in 1895. Mr. Luthbridge is glad to be able to report that the number of long sentence prisoners is steadily on the decrease. There were 3,887 prison offences committed as compared with 5,363 in the previous year. The profit from industrial labour was \$2,684. Female prisoners are now accommodated in Victoria Gaol. The conduct of the staff is reported to have been good.

30 New Frasers just arrived, best makers. Also Cabin and Transpining Frasers, guaranteed for the climate. W. Robinson & Co.

The German military authorities have determined that for the future the State shall make its own military cycles. Works have been established at Spandau.

Of the eleven men who received the V. C. for bravery displayed at the defence of Rorke's Drift, just fifteen years ago, (says *Times*) only one, Lieut.-Col. Chard, is now alive.

The *Independence* tells us that a mission composed of M. Masly and Lieut. Borghegare d'Altona is on the point of leaving Antwerp for China, and is expected to establish a mission in Shanghai.

We understand (says the *Singapore Free Press*) that the agents of the chief shipping lines in Singapore are about to organise a joint resistance to the proposed immigration tax. The Chamber of Commerce here are understood to have the subject under careful consideration. We advise the Government to withdraw the bill. 'There's razors in the air.'

The following personal notices are sent to the *N. C. Daily News* by its Chinese correspondents:—Our new Consul, Mr. G. D. Pittapies, and his wife are fast identifying themselves with the interests of the place. Mr. S. J. Woodbridge's family have moved back to their home after some months' absence in Shanghai. Mr. W. Montrose still keeps up his encouraging Changchow work. Dr. Cox and his wife, of the C.M.M., are back after more than a year's visit to their old home. The doctor expects to enlarge the medical work by building a hospital, hoping soon to begin to build a hospital, and to visit Yenchow and other country places. With five foreign doctors we ought all to keep well in Chinkiang.

Two ladies entered an omnibus at an hour of the day when over-cast is a possibility. One was a stout, over-dressed lady, the other was evidently her daughter. 'Shall I pay the fare, mama? I have my purse with me,' said the young lady, sweetly. 'Oh, no; I'll pay. I have my purse with me,' said the stout lady, sweetly. 'Oh, no; I'll pay. I have my purse with me,' said the stout lady, sweetly. 'Oh, no; I'll pay. I have my purse with me,' said the stout lady, sweetly.

Business in Kobe continues dull, but at this time of the year it is expected to be so. Deliveries of Mousellines have begun to improve, and with a continuance of fine pleasant weather this improvement will doubtless continue. Supplies of Shirtings are short with an improved demand. Cotton Yarn shows a decline from the previous high rates, though raw cotton is dearer. The market having been improved by a dollar per cwt. since news was received of the floods in the United States. It is considered to be too early yet to be positive about the damage done to the cotton crop, as the plants are very young and consequently not likely to suffer as much as if in flower. Supplies of iron are coming in very liberally, but deliveries are on a fair scale. Wire Nails are selling fairly well. The market is still a drug in the market, stock is accumulating with Japanese importers. As regards Rice, the export season, as we have previously stated, seems to be at an end, as good qualities suitable for export are exhausted. Prices are firm. Business in Camphor has been done on a fair scale at the same prices as last week. One sugar seems to be in good demand. One sugar seems to be in good demand. One sugar seems to be in good demand.

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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, 3rd May, 1897.

THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.
The Conference on the Turco-Greek War proposed by Lord Salisbury has been abandoned.

THE RECENT DEFEAT OF THE GREEKS.

The retreat of the Greeks from Pontopagadia to Arta was like that from Larissa, the result of deplorable leadership and unreasonable panic in which morale and discipline vanished. Out of 11,000 troops engaged, only 1090 were under fire. Throughout the war the losses on both sides have been remarkably small.

CRETE AND GREECE.

The Cretans refuse autonomy and demand annexation to Greece.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 5th at 11.25 a. Two low pressure areas exist, one passing to the Eastward of Japan and the other lying over Central China. Gradients slight to moderate. Forecast:—moderate S. and S.W. winds; squally, probably some showers.

GOLF.

CAPTAIN'S CUP FOR MAY.

Seventeen members of the Hongkong Golf Club entered for the Cup and a like number for the Pool. The returns, as given below, are not particularly good, but they enabled an old member of the Club to secure for the first time, both events. The links have got very hard and a few good showers of rain are much needed:—

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Mr. C. Palmer	94	11	85
Capt. R. M. Ramsey, R.N.	94	8	86
Mr. J. D. Smart	102	14	88
Mr. W. Taylor	101	12	85
Mr. J. Hastings	101	12	85
Mr. C. W. Sprague	104	15	89
Mr. E. F. Mackay	119	20	90
Mr. J. Saunders	112	18	94
Mr. H. W. Shale	111	15	96
Mr. P. A. Cox	120	18	102

POOL.

Mr. C. Palmer	96	11	85
Capt. R. M. Ramsey, R.N.	94	8	86
Mr. G. Stewart	89	3	86
Mr. C. W. May	93	8	87
Mr. J. D. Smart	102	14	88
Mr. P. A. Cox	120	18	102

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

A meeting of the Committee of the above Fund was held in the Council Chamber yesterday.

The Chairman of the Committee, (Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G.) presided. The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Thomas Jackson) laid upon the table annexed statement of the subscriptions raised in Hongkong.

The Chairman moved the following Resolution:—The Committee desires to place on record its grateful sense of the devoted and self-denying efforts of its Hon. Treasurer, T. Jackson, Esq., in the collection of subscriptions for the Fund, and also its thanks to those who have contributed thereto.

The Hon. Wei Ayuk seconded. The Resolution was carried.

It was also decided that the Chairman should address letters to the Hon. C. P. Chatter and Mr. Mealy, thanking them for the assistance rendered by them to the Hon. Treasurer in collecting subscriptions.

It was further resolved that the Chairman of the Hongkong Committee should address a communication to the Chairman of the Relief Committee at Calcutta, enclosing a copy of the minutes of this meeting, and informing him that the subscription list in Hongkong had been closed.

The Hon. Secretary (The Hon. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart) was requested to transmit a copy of the minutes of the meeting to His Excellency the Governor for his information.

On the motion of the Hon. Wei Ayuk a vote of thanks to the Chairman was carried. The meeting then adjourned.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND in account with Hon. Treasurer:—

	Rs.	P.	As.
1896. To amount raised by subscription	50,000	154	60,487.50
Feb. 21 To amount raised by subscription	20,000	165	12,054.69
Mar. 31 To amount raised by subscription	12,000	169	7,560.
Apr. 21 To amount raised by subscription	854	100	2,500.
Apr. 21 To amount raised by subscription	651.2	190	407.
	Rs. 83,654.2		\$57,120.69
1897. To amount raised by subscription	50,000	154	60,487.50
Feb. 21 To amount raised by subscription	20,000	165	12,054.69
Mar. 31 To amount raised by subscription	12,000	169	7,560.
Apr. 21 To amount raised by subscription	854	100	2,500.
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	Rs. 83,654.2		\$57,120.69

(Sd.) T. JACKSON, Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1897.

Mr. Hiranuma Senzo, a Yokohama millionaire, and conscientious devotee of the great Fudo, gives the following as the secrets of his great business success: (1) Early waking at half past 3 o'clock in morning. (2) Cold-bathing every morning. (3) Abstention from animal food at breakfast. (4) Total abstinence from alcoholic drinks. (5) Total abstinence from tobacco. His wealth is estimated at 5,000,000. This proves that there is something in the truth of the proverb about the early bird catching the first worm; but the question naturally arises—does Mr. Hiranuma Senzo get up when he wakes, and, if so, at what o'clock does he go to bed?

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DR. GANTLEY LECTURING IN LONDON.

[From a Correspondent.]

LONDON, April 2.

Stands Hongkong where it did! Last Sunday that Fragrant Isle was before the Great British Public. The Ethical Society in connection with the South Place Institute, in the City of London, have organised a series of Sunday afternoon lectures on the 'British Empire' by men of mark—ex-Governors, Generals and the like. We have just had our turn—our turn for the nonce being none other than our popular medico, Dr. Gantley. We were to have an hour of edification, from four to five, illustrated by magic lantern views. Well, six o'clock came before our dear doctor paused in the exuberance of his chatter boxing to give the lantern man a show.

You may be sure, then, the lecturer was as full of information as an egg of meat—may fuller—rather like a macepan of milk just boiling over with the bubbles of airy facts jostling one another for prominence.

One airy fact which bubbled over twice was that Macao was an island. He might have told an old visitor when he came so—one doesn't like to feel so much out of date. However, this is carrying criticism. Out of the mouth of our medical lecturer flowed facts and figures in such torrents that one, a few hundred yards out, may well be forgiven him.

The big figure that he rolled out with telling solemnity was the *piece de resistance* of his lecture was the 14,000,000 tons of Hongkong shipping. Fourteen million tons! Think of it! We were favoured with a silent pause to do so. Then the worthy doctor gave us a leg up. We were told the tonnage visiting the Clyde annually was 6,000,000, a similar figure covered the tonnage for the whole of France, these together did not equal the tonnage of London, some 13,350,000—mighty figures, but still short of the mightier total credited to Hongkong. The audience was audibly moved—heels, sticks and umbrellas punctuating on the floor emphatic marks of admiration.

It was a grief to me to infer that our popular medico had become infected with the commercial bacillus—for, in referring to the fact that Hongkong had been called the Malta and Gibraltar of the East, he stated that there was enough money in Hongkong to buy up those Mediterranean stations. I am so glad to hear this—must really set the good doctor a worthy example returning to the El Dorado by an early mail.

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SHANGHAI SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY—Tuesday, May 4, 1897.

THE SHANGHAI STAKES.—A forced entry of the 15th, with the 100 added, for all Ponies entered at this Meeting, optional for Subscribers. First Pony to receive 70 per cent, Second Pony 20 per cent, Third Pony 10 per cent.—Weight for inches as per scale.—One Mile and a half.

The Broker 1
Black Chief (Mr. C. Burkill) 2
Quango 2
Eight starters. Time—3 min. 20 1/2 sec.

THE TACATAI CUP.—Presented by H.E. the Tacatai-Value, Tls. 150. Second Pony, Tls. 25. For China Ponies.—Weight for inches as per scale.—One Mile.—Non-Starters and Winners at this Meeting. First Pony to receive 70 per cent, Second Pony 20 per cent, Third Pony 10 per cent.—Weight for inches as per scale.—One Mile and a half.

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BILLS BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FLOODING IN PRISON.

At Monday's meeting of the Legislative Council, an Ordinance to amend the law as to flooding was read before the Legislative Council for the first time. It enacts that whenever any offender is sentenced by a Judge of the Supreme Court or by a Magistrate to be flogged, the sentence shall specify the birch as the instrument to be used and the number of strokes to be inflicted. Such number shall not exceed twenty at any one flogging. Such flogging shall be inflicted on the breech, privately in prison and within six months of the sentence. The Bill is introduced in compliance with the instructions of the Secretary of State, which instructions prohibit the use of any instrument of flogging except the birch, where flogging is ordered to be inflicted, and limit the maximum number of strokes to twenty.

THE SHORT RAIL REGULATIONS.
It is proposed to amend section 30 of the Regulation of Chinese Ordinances, No. 14 of 1888, and to substitute the following:—

It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, from time to time, by order, to publish in the *Gazette*, to direct that no Chinese of either sex (without reasonable excuse, the proof whereof shall lie upon the person alleging it) shall be at large in the City of Victoria between such hours of the night as may, from time to time, be fixed by such Order, without a valid pass under the principal Ordinance. For the purposes of this section 'Night' means from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The statement of objects and reasons annexed to the amending Ordinance is as follows:—

Although, with a view to emergency, it is requisite that the Governor in Council should retain the power at present possessed of requiring Chinese who are out at night to be provided with passes under the Regulation of Chinese Ordinances, 1888, it is deemed desirable so to modify section 30 of that Ordinance as to admit of the relaxation of such requirement when it seems to His Excellency that night passes may be dispensed with without prejudice to the safety and well-being of the community.

At present, section 30 of the Ordinance of 1888 requires such passes between 9 p.m. and sunrise, unless other hours are fixed by Order in Council.

The effect of repealing section 30 and substituting the new section will be that night passes will only be compulsory when they are required by Order of the Governor in Council, published in the *Gazette*, and then only between such hours of the night as may be fixed by such Order. In the absence of such Order, they will not be required at all.

The Bill entitled 'An Ordinance to provide for the punishment of Stowaways arriving in this colony,' enacts that any person arriving in this colony as a stowaway, shall be liable to imprisonment for not more than one month, or to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding one month. Also that the detention of a stowaway shall not be deemed illegal, if for no longer period than is reasonably necessary for the purpose of examining such person or for the purpose of causing him to be apprehended such stowaway without a warrant.

The statement of objects and reasons is as follows:—

The Vagrancy Law renders those who bring destitute people to this colony liable, in certain cases, to repay the expense thereon, or, of such person in the meantime. Where passage money or even part passage money has been paid for such destitute, or where, out of compassion, a passenger has been given a ticket, it is obviously just that those who knowingly import into the colony persons who have no means of subsistence should not be allowed to put the community to the cost of maintaining them.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *a.* In conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.	Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.	7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.	8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.	9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.	10. Kowloon Wharves.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.	11. Jardine's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.	

Vessel's Name.	Arrival Date	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons netht.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees & Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Africa	6	Ellis	Brit.	str.	2400 May	S Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Yokohama	7th inst.
Ansona	6	Mudie	Brit.	str.	1888 May	S P., & O. S. N. Co.	S'pore & Calcutta	8th inst.
Araratton Apar	6	Sundberg	Brit.	str.	1392 April	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Kobe	7th inst.
Bearlgirg	6	Wallace	Brit.	str.	1462 April	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Singapore	7th inst.
Bombur	6	Boutillier	Brit.	str.	1935 May	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Bracmar	6	Porter	Brit.	str.	2316 May	Dodwell, Garfill & Co.		
Chuden	6	Sanderson	Brit.	str.	2746 May	Naval Yard		
Chengpoit	6	Fris	Ger.	str.	6-7 May	Walter & Co.		
Chienai	6	Sealy	Brit.	str.	2744 April	S.O., & O. S. Co.		
Dante	6	Kopko	Ger.	str.	1302 May	Chinese		
Daphne	6	Samuelson	Ger.	str.	1291 April	Siemssen & Co.	Vladivostok	7th inst.
Devavongas	6	Curtis	Brit.	str.	1015 April	Yuen Fat Hong	Abeydeno	To-day
Diamanda	6	Fayler	Brit.	str.	908 May	Shewan, Thomas & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Dinlochy	6	McGregor	Brit.	str.	807 May	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Pakhoi	To-morrow
Dobson	6	Macdonald	Scot.	str.	877 May	S A. R. Marty	Kobe	8th inst.
Doshima Maru	6	Shimazaki	Japan.	str.	2038 May	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Yokohama	To-morrow
Hohonsatern	6	Blesker	Ger.	str.	2039 April	Meichers & Co.		
Klunkuck	6	Parrella	Brit.	str.	2881 May	Hollari, Wise & Co.		
Kong Beng	6	Joalin	Brit.	str.	832 May	Yuen Fat Hong	Shanghai	To-morrow
Kuangmoon	6	Schultz	Ger.	str.	1245 May	Siemssen & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Maehow	6	Farrell	Brit.	str.	998 April	Yuen Fat Hong		
Malhalde	6	Borg	Ger.	str.	600 May	Jebson & Co.		
Miczipape	6	Jephson	Brit.	str.	2168 May	P., P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europa, &c.	To-morrow
Ocana	6	Formes	Ger.	str.	180 May	Siemssen & Co.		
Pathau	6	Day	Brit.	str.	1762 May	Dodwell, Garfill & Co.	Tacoma, &c.	To-day
Prinz Heinrich	6	Cupper	Ser.	str.	3-02 May	Meichers & Co.	Shanghai	7th inst.
Progress	6	Brandt	Ger.	str.	687 May	Jordan		
Ratona	6	Reyer	Ger.	str.	220 May	Chinese		
Sagami Maru	6	Ohno	Japan.	str.	1168 May	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Shanghai, &c.	7th inst.
Schantung	6	Frampton	Brit.	str.	1535 April	Butherford & Swire		
Shanahan	6	Macoubrey	Brit.	str.	1500 April	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Southburg	6	Jessen	Ger.	str.	782 May	Siemssen & Co.		
Tachiuw	6	Peimrose	Brit.	str.	864 May	Yuen Fat Hong		
Taming	6	Stewart	Brit.	str.	1345 April	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Tetarius	6	Connelley	Ger.	str.	1812 April	Siemssen & Co.		
Thales	6	Douglas	Brit.	str.	820 May	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Vindobona	6	Beller	Aus.	str.	2689 May	Sander & Co.	K'lon Do	To-morrow
Walby	6	Behrens	Ger.	str.	3138 May	Siemssen & Co.	Yokohama & Kobe	To-morrow

Sailing Vessels.									
Amey Turner	2 c	Warland	Amr.	bqs.	901	April	30	Standard Oil Co.	
Atlantic	2 k	Kelsenberg	Ger.	tqs.	333	Mar.	31	Lee Koo	
Bengel	2 c	Frankton	Brit.	bqs.	1655	April	9	Standard Oil Co.	
Bright	5 k	Mandelsdorf	Ger.	bqs.	333	April	27	Sander & Co.	
Call of Deo	2 k	Lock	Br. Am.	sh.	1845	Feb.	16	Standard Oil Co.	
Landseer	9 c	Stahl	Amer.	sh.	1442	April	12	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	
Mary L. Cushing	9 c	Pendleton	Amer.	sh.	1076	April	12	Arnheid, Karberg & Co.	
Port Stanley	2 c	Williams	Br. Am.	bk.	6187	April	6	Standard Oil Co.	
Variscala	8 c	Buchanan	Br. Am.	bk.	2184	Feb.	6	Standard Oil Co.	
			Br.	ba.	688	Oct.	18	Order	

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.F.	Captain.	Where at.
Alcidity	despatch-vessel	1760	12	8600	Commander F. G. De Lisle	Taiwanfoo
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	18	8560	Comd. C. J. Kingmill	Manila
Centurion*	twin-screw battle ship	10,800	41	14,800	Captain Spencer H. Legin	On a cruise
Daphne	slloop	1159	16	2000	Commander Galloway	Bankow
Firebrand	g.-bt. 3rd class coast defence	863	9	200	Lt.-Com. Clavick	Hongkong
Gratton	gunboat 2nd class	465	6	860	Lieut.-Com. Vernon Maud	Hongkong
Harriet	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7350	36	12,000	Captain B. P. Jones	Shanghai
Hawley	torpedo boat destroyer	860	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hongkong
Harriet	torpedo boat destroyer	860	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Sakspear	Hongkong
Thunder	storeship	1640		860	Comd. F. W. Wyler	Yokohama
Unionville	armoured cruiser, 1st class	6600	34	8560	Captain Edward Chibbister	Chumulo
Phigania	cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	900	Capt. H. T. Dudding	Singapore
Pomet	gun-vessel 2nd class	766	8	870	Commander R. O. Sparkes	Tientsin
Pharcusius	armoured cruiser, 1st class	6600	34	8660	Captain Wm. O. Forsyth	Hongkong
Phoebe	gunboat 1st class	764	16	1200	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Nagasaki
Phoebe	slloop	1030	13		Capt. Osburne	Singapore
Phoebe	gunboat 1st class	764	16	1200	Lieut. Decker	Singapore
Phoebe	gunboat 1st class	765	16	900	Capt. A. O. Corry	Singapore
Phoebe	gunboat 1st class	765	16	900	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Shanghai
Phoebe	gunboat 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Capt. V. A. Tisdall	Hongkong
Phoebe	gunboat 1st class	716	10	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hartings	Hongkong
Phoebe	gunboat 1st class	805	10	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Gratton	Woburn
Phoebe	gun-vessel 2nd class	768	8	870	Capt. H. S. McAlpine	Hongkong
Phoebe	g.-transport	2047				Hongkong
Phoebe	g.-bt. 3rd class coast defence	863	5	900		K'owloon
Phoebe	receiving ship	5157	14		Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Phoebe	coast-defence ship, armoured	2760	12	1000		Hongkong

Torpedo Boats in Reserve Nos. 8, 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first class; and 8, second class boats.

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Beller, K.C.B. + Flagship of Rear-Admiral Osley.

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Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
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Admiral Korneloff	Russian cruiser	160	32	6000	Captain Mohs	Chefoo
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian cruiser	7761	33	9500	Captain Kashirinoff	Niguanzi

Africa	Portuguese transport	1983	—	—	Capt. Antonio Bergue de Sousa	Malabo
Albania	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Esaranga	Vladivostok
Algeria	German patrol	2300	18	2400	Captain Becker	Yokohama

Argon	Spanish gunboat	608	2	660	Commander R. Cabana	Manila
Argo	French gunboat	475	4	450	Commander J. J. J. J.	Bangkok

French flagship	\$010	28	440	Commander Fortin	Belgon
Portuguese gunboat	482	5	400	Capt. A. T. Da Costa e Silva	Macao
	250	10	7100	Capt. W. L.	N. Am. I.

Dobree	Russian sloop	800	15	1100	Captain M. M. M.	Nogasaki
Easton	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	3600	Captain F. Wilder	Nogasaki
Manila	Spanish cruiser	3100	22	2600	Capt. A. Martin de Olaya	Manila

Spanish troopship	532	2	600	Lt. A. Berrera	Manila
French gunboat	495	4	500	Capt. Simon	Shanghai

Norman	German cruiser	1640	8	2800	Capt. Brunetti	Agassiz
Descartes	French cruiser	4010	22	—	Capt. Bernard	at route
		5000	16	5400	Capt. Baizer	Stromboli

Detroit	U. S. cruiser	2200	10	5700	Capt. Smith	Chamulpo
Dimitri Donaskol	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Withholt	Maria
Don Antonio de Illor	Spanish cruiser	1200	13	1523	Cow. E. Robison	

Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1180	14	1600	Commander J. de la Concha	Manila
Eclairneur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Hongkong

Spanish	gunboat	680	7	600	Leut. Com. F. Henderso	menin
Russian	gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Beribrennikoff	Nagasaki
Spanish	troopship	1200	2	1000	Capt. R. Rodriguez Trujillo	Manila

General Alava	Spanish troopship	1200	6	6.0	Lieut. Com. R. Benavente	Manila
General Izco	Spanish gunboat	520	6	6.0	Capt. Bousharoff	Hankow
Grimsitch	Russian gunboat	1490	12	1330		

German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Commander du Bois	Yokohama
Spanish protected cruiser	1048	10	2200	Commander D. Regalado	Manila
	2040	10	2000	Commander S. D. Regalado	Manila

Isa de Luzon	Spanish protected cruiser	1045	10	2200	Commander J. Barredo	Manila
Kalser	German flagship	7677	15	7800	Captain Zey	Nagasaki
Kaiser Franz Josef I	Austrian cruiser	4000	23	10,000	Capt. Vedral	Amoy

Koninklijke Marine	—	—	Capt. W. J. Bors	Yokohama
Koningin Wilhelmina	—	—	Capt. Lindstroem	Yokohama
Korsjett	1200	9	2150	
Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	

Kreiger	Russian sloop	1390	13	1200	Capt. Beklemishev	Nagasaki
Mon	French gunboat	800	6	500	Lieutenant Gauchet	Saigon
	U. S. sloop	1000	10	1600	Commander Mackenzie	Yokohama

Machias	U. S. cruiser	1200	2	1000	U. S. cruiser	1200	2	1000
Manila	Spanish transport	1800	2	750	Lieut. Com. J. J. Osmia			
Wanderbush	Russian sloop	1800	2	1400	Commander Andru			

Marques del Duero	Spanish gunboat	600	5	150	LA - Com. S. Moreno de Garra	Mamla
Monteracy	U. S. sloop	1370	5	850	Com. G. W. Fawcett	Therlain

Yamaguchi	U. S. flag ship	5800	14	15,600	Captain J. J. Reed	Yokohama
Divajoy	Russian gunboat	1490	12	9000	Captain Radloff	Nagasaki
	Russian	2120	28	3000	Captain Vlasov	Nagasaki

Amiat Above	German cruiser	1900	50	0000	Commander F. J. Kappel	Amoy
Panther	Austrian cruiser	1840	10	—	—	Amoy
Pascal	French cruiser	1800	30	—	—	Amoy

French gunboat	545	8	450	Lt. Commander Vidal	Bangkok
German cruises	4400	23	8000	Captain Thiele	Yokohama

Beina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3090	19	4800	Capt. L. Caldero	Manila
Rurik	Russian flagship	11,650	48	18,500	Comdr. Rodionoff	Nagasaki
	Russian ship				Capt. S. S. S.	Philippines

Blivnoch	950	18	1190	Captain's Landing	Vladivostok
Barrel					25 rods

Spanish gunboat	1152	7	1600	Compassion	3	1600	Manila
French gunboat *	480	4	485	Crusade	4	485	Bangkok

Vladimir	Russian (Gambos)	1900	16	1900	16	1900	16	1900	16
Tokytown	U. S. Service	1900	16	1900	16	1900	16	1900	16